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TAGS: PREL, EINV, EFIN, US, TC
SUBJECT: BCCI: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORTEDLY ASKS
COURT FOR SEIZURE OF ABU DHABI'S RULING FAMILY FUNDS
-- REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE

REFS: A) STATE 192818; B) ABU DHABI 4696

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE-SEE PARA 5.
3. EMBASSY HAS BECOME AWARE OF JUNE 25 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY STAFF WRITER SHARON WALSH REPORTING THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 24 ASKED A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO SEIZE USD 100 MILLION WHICH THE RULING FAMILY OF ABU DHABI HAS ON DEPOSIT IN U.S. ACCOUNTS. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN SIMILAR STORIES BY ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) AND REUTERS. ACCORDING TO THE POST ARTICLE, JUSTICE BELIEVES THE FUNDS ARE PART OF THE AL-NAHYAN FAMILY'S BCCI INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MONEY WAS REPORTEDLY INVESTED AT 14 U.S. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGH ICIC INVESTMENT LTD., A SHELL CORPORATION IN THE CAYMAN

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ISLANDS USED TO INVEST MONEY FROM ICIC OVERSEAS, A CORPORATE DEFENDANT IN BCCI'S PLEA BARGAIN WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE POST'S STORY IMPLIED THAT JUSTICE'S ACTION WAS LINKED TO ABU DHABI'S LACK OF COOPERATION IN THE USG'S BCCI INVESTIGATION. IT QUOTES THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S FILING AS SAYING THAT WITH RESPECT TO EVIDENCE IN ABU DHABI, WHERE MUCH OF THE DOCUMENTATION AND MOST OF THE MATERIAL WITNESSES ARE BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED, THE (U.S.) GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY SUBSTANTIAL COOPERATION. AP SAID THE FILING TO THE COURT REQUESTED THAT THE USD 100 MILLION BE TURNED OVER TO THE USG BY THE END OF JUNE.

4. BEFORE HE LEFT POST ON REASSIGNMENT, AMBASSADOR WALKER DELIVERED DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (REFTELS) ON JUNE 16, URGING THE U. TO FULFILL QUICKLY ITS PLEDGE OF COOPERATION LA ANNOUNCED DURING AHMED AL SAYEGH'S TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATOR KERRY'S SUBCOMMITTEE IN MAY.

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5. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REACTION, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN ONE UNOFFICIAL QUERY AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORT. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, THE LOCAL PRESS IS SILENT ON THE STORY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FROM LOCALLY RECEIVED BBC AND CNN BROADCASTS.

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WE ASK WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ABOUT THE POST'S AND OTHER ARTICLES. IF THE STORY IS ACCURATE, PLEASE ADVISE US ON HOW TO RESPOND TO UAEG INQUIRIES ON THE MATTER. WHAT CONNECTION, IF ANY, DOES THE SEIZURE OF FUNDS HAVE WITH REGARD TO OTHER MEASURES CONTEMPLATED BY JUSTICE IN REF A?

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